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The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is the basic policy for American environmental protection. It sets forth policy and goals and a means for carrying out its principles. NEPA ensures that federal agencies act in good faith during federal undertakings. Details of NEPA are found in 40 CFR 1500-1508.

How Long Does the Formal Public Review Period Last?

Formal public review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will last for 90 days. Comments must be received by January 7, 2005.



NEPA In Action

Comments Can Be Submitted in the Following Ways

- ✓ Mail to:
CRMP Project
Grand Canyon National Park
PO Box 129
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023
- ✓ Online at: www.crmpcomments.com:
- ✓ Fax to: 928-638-7797
- ✓ Hand deliver to: Grand Canyon National Park
- ✓ During Public Meetings

Please include your name, email address, and mailing address with all comments.

Why NEPA?

When a Federal action is planned, the interested public and affected agencies are allowed the opportunity to provide input, identify issues, and to offer solutions prior to the preparation of the final NEPA document. This is accomplished through:

- Scoping
- Formal Public Review



DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

7 Public Open Houses
November 8 – December 2, 2005
Public comment through January 7, 2005

NPS analyzes and addresses comments and modifies the document as needed
Winter-Spring 2005

Final EIS to Public
30-Day "No-Action" Period

Regional Director signs Record of Decision
Spring 2005

NEPA Complete

Finalize Colorado River Management Plan And Implementation Strategy
Spring-Summer 2005

How Does NEPA Relate to the CRMP?

- The CRMP is a planning document that addresses the management of recreational use of the Colorado River within Grand Canyon National Park.
- The EIS is a detailed environmental document that analyzes the impacts of the various management alternatives.
- The EIS will help the National Park Service determine the preferred management alternative and this alternative will provide the basis for updating the CRMP.



Implement Plan
Beyond Winter 2005

For more information check out these websites on NEPA and the NEPA process:

www.nps.gov/grca/crmp
<http://planning.den.nps.gov/tools.cfm>
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq/>
<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/laws.htm>
<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/index.html>

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